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## More California Cities and Counties Showing Progress Toward Compliance with State Housing Law and Meeting Local Housing Needs

Uptick in progress followed Governor's meetings with Mayors

SACRAMENTO – As a result of Governor Newsom's efforts to address the housing affordability crisis in California, the California Department of Housing and Community Development is seeing significant progress from cities not in compliance with state housing law.

In February, Governor Newsom met with California mayors representing cities not compliant with Housing Element law. Since then, three cities have come into compliance and 14 others have either submitted drafts or committed to specific actions toward compliance.

"Strong local planning is key to building a California for All, and the progress thus far is encouraging," said Department of Housing and Community Development Director Ben Metcalf. "We are seeing meaningful efforts by cities and counties that weren't in compliance to get back on-track and plan to meet the housing needs in their communities."

Of the 47 cities that did not have a state-approved housing plan as of the Governor's State of the State address, three — Orange Cove, Clovis and Soledad — have now come into compliance and another, Fillmore, submitted its adopted plan for final compliance review.

An additional 14 jurisdictions are demonstrating progress by submitting drafts or committing to specific actions toward compliance: Atwater, Covina, Desert Hot Springs, Fort Jones, Holtville, Jurupa Valley, Imperial (city), Lake County, Marina, Paramount, Pismo Beach, Pomona, San Juan Bautista, and Wheatland.

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